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1. THE FOLLOWING TEXT ON THE TOPIC WAS TABLED BY THE SWISS
WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH NATO DELS BUT MAY BECOME THE
BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS:

BEGIN TEXT:

DESIRING TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE JOURNALISTS
OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES PURSUE THEIR PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES IN THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES, THEY PROPOSE
IN PARTICULAR TO:

-- EXAMINE IN A SYMPATHETIC AND DILIGENT SPIRIT AND ON
THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, VISA APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED
BY JOURNALISTS;

-- GRANT PERMANENTLY ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS, ON THE
BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS, MULTIPLE ENTRY OR EXIT

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VISAS FOR FIXED PERIODS;

-- FACILITATE THE OBTAINING OF OTHER PERMITS, IT THIS IS NECESSARY, FOR SOJOURN IN THE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE AND THE PURSUIT OF JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITIES;

-- FACILITATE, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUE TO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS OF PERMITS FOR TRAVEL WITHIN THE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, WITH DUE REGARD FOR SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE EXISTENCE OF AREAS PROHIBITED FOR SECURITY REASONS;

-- WIDEN THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOURNALISTS TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT COULD BE A SOURCE OF USEFUL INFORMATION;

-- GRANT FOREIGN JOURNALISTS THE RIGHT TO IMPROVE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT (PHOTOGRAPHIC, CINEMATOGRAPHIC, TAPE-RECORDER, RADIO AND TELEVISION) REQUIRED BY THEM FOR THE PURSUIT OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE RE-EXPORTED AFTER USE;

-- PROVIDE CONDITIONS IN WHICH ACCREDITED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT THEIR INFORMATION COMPLETELY AND RAPIDLY, INCLUDING THE DESPATCH OF UNDEVELOPED PHOTOGRAPHIC AND CINEMATOGRAPHIC FILM AND OF TAPE RECORDINGS RESULTING FROM THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, TO THE INFORMATION ORGANS WHICH THEY REPRESENT, USING THE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION OFFICIALLY EXISTING BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATING STATES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PUBLICATION OR OF RADIO OR TELEVISION BROADCASTING;

IF AN ACCREDITED JOURNALIST IS EXPELLED FROM HIS COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, HE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED OF THE REASONS FOR THIS ACT AND TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR RE-EXAMINATION OF THIS CASE. END TEXT.

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